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FORM 4

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SMITH IAN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 07/20/2005

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

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C/O VERTEX **PHARMACEUTICALS**

INCORPORATED, 130 WAVERLY **STREET**

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Price

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4.	5. Number of	of 6	6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of	
Derivative	e Conversion			Transacti	ctionDerivative Securities		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code						
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A	A)				
	Derivative				or Disposed	d of				
	Security				(D)					
	·				(Instr. 3, 4,					
					and 5)					
								E		Amount
						Ι	Date Exercisable	Expiration	Title	or
				G 1 W		(D)		Date		Number
				Code V	(A) ((D)				of Share
Stock Option	\$ 17.16	07/20/2005		A	18,000	1	10/20/2005(1)	07/19/2015	Common Stock	18,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH IAN F C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 130 WAVERLY STREET

SVP & CFO

Signatures

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-In-Fact 07/22/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 07/20/2005.

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